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: Raymond J. GORTE Applicant : November 9, 2001 Filed

: THE USE OF SULFUR-CONTAINING FUELS FOR DIRECT Title

OXIDATION OF FUEL CELLS

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## RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 9, 2007

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In reply to the Non-Final Office Action mailed February 9, 2007, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

Applicants respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") Office Action ("Office Action") mailed in the above-captioned application ("the Application") on February 9, 2007, thereby extending the period for reply up to and including August 9, 2007. Applicants submit herewith a requisite three-month extension of time fee for a small entity in the amount of \$510 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). In the event that additional fees are deemed necessary, or in the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the USPTO, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 9 of this paper.